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LOK SABHA

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FOREST LAND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to release certain area of reserve forest land of Gangotari National Park and Askot Animal Sanctuary for construction of roads along international border with China and Nepal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to protect the animals likely to be affected by said project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a), (b) & (c) The Standing Committee of Indian Board for Wildlife in its meeting held on 12.07.2002, recommended diversion of total 106.505 ha. of land from 'Askot Musk Deer Sanctuary' in Uttaranchal subject to compliance of eight pre-conditions for the protection of wildlife and its habitat. The pre-conditions included use of the latest technology to minimize the soil erosion, stabilization of slopes on both the sides of the road, use of road only for the movement of troupes and Mansarovar pilgrims and placing special staff to check wildlife crimes after road construction, etc. No proposal with respect to Gangotri National Park, Uttaranchal has been received in the Ministry for diversion of land.